THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is being represented that the import of fish will adversely affect the income of fishermen, and will be detrimental to the growth of fishing industry in India.

(c) Government have no reports of fish imports adversely affecting the internal fish industry.

Confinement of People of Indian Origin in Gurudwaras of Afghanistan

*348. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any information that many people of Indian origin were still being kept confined within the local Gurudwaras of Afghanistan and not permitted to return to India; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The Taliban pursue a policy of harsh discrimination against minorities including religious minorities. Government does not have any information about the detention of people of Indian origin in Gurudwaras in Afghanistan.

(b) Does not arise.

Reference to Central Legislation on Agricultural Labour at ILO

*349. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representative of India, while participating in ILO session, recently held in Geneva, referred to Central Legislation on agricultural labour which is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, contexts for such a reference;

(c) the nature of assurance given at the ILO convention while referring to the same; and

(d) the general reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) One of the items for discussion in the International Labour Conference held at Geneva from 30th May—15th June, 2000 was Safety and Health in Agriculture. While considering the report of the Committee on Safety and Health in Agriculture in the Plenary of the Conference, Minister of Labour, Government of Andhra Pradesh made a statement from the Indian side to the effect that with a view to providing social protection and welfare measures for agricultural workers, the Government is engaged for sometime now in the task of formulating a comprehensive law for them. He also generally supported the proposal to adopt international standards on Safety and Health in agriculture. In India, the consulation process in formulating a comprehensive law for the agricultural workers is yet to be completed. The proposed Bill would be introduced as soon as a consensus has emerged in the matter.

Pressurised Water Reactors

350. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether pressurised Water Reactors (PWRs) are more advanced in Nuclear Power Generation; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to replace boiler water reactors at Tarapur with PWRs for better results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Pressurised Water Reactors (PWRs) contribute about 58% of nuclear power reactors in operation in the world. These reactors contribute about 65% of the nuclear power capacity in the World.

(b) Like PWRs, Boiling Water Reactors (BWRs) and Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) are also among the proven nuclear